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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN, PERFORMING ARTS PROJECT

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1. TRANSLATION OF BUDGET WORKED OUT BY KOENIG, RAIM AND BIELAWSKI HAS BEEN FORWARDED.

2. DR. ANDRZEJ GROMEK, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN COOPERATION OF PAN, WHO WAS NOT AVAILABLE DURING RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS ASSISTANT, MRS. OBUCHOWICZ HAS EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT PAN WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO FUND THE NECESSARY RESEARCH FOR THE PROJECT WITH EXCESS ZLOTYS DESTINED FOR AN APPROVED JOINT SCIENCE-RESEARCH PROJECT. BUT HE DOES NOT AGREE THAT FUNDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR A LARGE GROUP OF PERFORMERS DISCOVERED DURING SUCH RESEARCH IS AN APPROPRIATE USE OF THESE FUNDS, NOR IN THE SPIRIT OF THE PROPOSED SMITHSONIAN/PAN AGREEMENT (SEE REFTEL.

3. GROMEK MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE FEELS SUCH TRANSPORTATION IS APPROPRIATELY A POLISH GOVERNMENT EXPENSE AS IS THE ZLOTY COMPENSATION. HE WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF FUNDING THESE COSTS THROUGH PAN ITSELF, THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OR SOME OTHER POLISH GOVERNMENT SOURCE. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT A MORE REALISTIC NUMBER OF PERSONS, IF THIS FUNDING WERE TO BE FOUND, WOULD BE AROUND 15.

4. IN VIEW OF THE PROJECTED LIMITED SUPPLY OF EXCESS ZLOTYS FOR
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FUTURE JOINT SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS, THE EMBASSY AGREES WITH THE PAN

POSITION STATED ABOVE. IT RECOMMENDS THAT THE SMITHSONIAN
AWAIT THE RESULTS OF PAN'S ATTEMPT TO SEEK FUNDING FOR THE PER-
FORMANCE PORTION OF THE TOTAL PROJECT AND RENEW ITS EFFORTS
WITH THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT BY
EXPLAINING TO THEIR GOVERNMENT IS PUBLIC RELATIONS AS WELL AS
INTRINSIC CULTURAL RELATIONS VALUE TO POLAND, ESPECIALLY IN THE
SHARP FOCUS OF THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR. THE EMBASSY HAS ALREADY
TAKEN THIS LINE AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE IT AT EVERY
SUTIALBLE OPPORTUNITY.

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